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Dear Ms. Dixon:

1 As an inhabitant of planet earth, I was shocked to learn of the plans to store immense amounts of radioactive waste altogether in one place anywhere! As a citizen of the United States, I was even more astounded that my very own elected officials and well-educated scientific teams were promoting this insanity for the state of Nevada! As an inhabitant of a major rail and highway center, I am immediately and personally threatened by the Yucca Mountain Proposal's hauling radioactive waste right through St. Louis!

It's bad enough that we have such waste in the first place! Due to lack of effort to find methodologies to circumvent the current problem before it began, we are now facing a problem as to what to do with all this radioactive waste. To put it altogether in one spot will simply compound the original foolishness. Even a SMALL amount of indestructible radioactive waste in an earthquake zone (as Yucca Mountain is) is bad enough. But ALL the radioactive waste in the US in one place is MEGA-stupidity. It invites trouble from man (any terrorist nation or individual) and nature (earthquakes).

2 The plan is so seriously flawed in all its aspects that it should be halted immediately. Instead, the wastes should remain in their current locations (thus not exposing the entire nation over which they are to be hauled to multiple opportunities for disaster) and much more careful study of the optimal solution(s) for the problems be made.

Sincerely,


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